GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

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TELEPHONE FACILITY
JAYASHREE BANERJEE

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Panchayats to which telephone facility has been provided under District Telecom General Manager, Jabalpur;

(b) the number out of them functioning properly;

(c) whether the Government propose to provide latest model technology based telephones to the Panchayats; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government for their maintenance?

Answer

Minister Of State for Communications (Shri Tapan Sikdar)

(a) & (b): 777 Panchayats under District Telecom General manager, Jabalpur have been provided with telephone facility. Out of these, 528 telephones are functioning properly.

(c) & (d) Yes Sir. Govt. proposes to provide latest technology based telephones on WLL, CDOT TDMA/PMP and Satellite systems in the Panchayats. The following steps are being taken for their maintenance:

- Repair centres are proposed to be set up;
- AMC is being entered with suppliers;